(e) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(f) whether any action in the matter has been taken against the persons found responsible; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b) No direct agreement was signed between National Fertilizers Limited (NFL) and Gulf Petrochemicals Industries Company (GPIC), Bahrain. However, a contract was signed between Eigneers India Limited (EIL) and NFL on 10th November 1989 for assignment of NFL personnel to GPIC, Bahrain for a period of one year depending upon their requirement. A total of five Engineers/Chemists were deputed to GPIC under the contract out of which three officers stayed with them for more than a year, one stayed for a period of five months and one for one month.

(c) None of the deputed officers were called back by NFL. GPIC, however, sent back two of them for their own reasons before completing one year.

(d) No Sir. All the employees received their basic salary in India in full. In addition, each of the employee concerned was to receive BD 400 p.m. as living allowance along with free furnished accommodation, free medical facility and conveyance in Bahrain during the period of their deputation.

(e) and (f) Do not arise.

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T.V. Transmitter at Pathanamthitta in Kerala

3754. SHRI KODIKKUNIL SURESH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up a T.V. transmitter at Pathanamthitta district in Kerala;

(b) whether the Pathanamthitta district is not covered by T.V. transmission from Trivandrum and does not receive the Malayalam programmes; and

(c) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) A low power (100 W) TV transmitter operating in UHF band has been functioning at Pathanamthitta in Kerala since September, 1989.

(b) and (c) Though the transmitter at Pathanamthitta relays the programmes fed from Delhi via satellite, parts of Pathanamthitta district lie on the fringe of coverage area of the high power TV transmitters at Trivandrum and Cochin which relay regional service programmes in Malayalam in addition to national service. Further expansion of regional service in the uncovered parts of Pathanamthitta district depends upon future availability of resources for the purpose.

Assistance to Kerala under Western Ghats Development Programme

3755. SHRI KODIKKUNIL SURESH: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the financial assistance given to Kerala in 1990-91 and 1991-92 under the Western Ghats Development Programme for the development of rural areas; and

(b) the achievements made under the programme in rural areas during the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) All the programmes under Western Ghats Development Programme in Kerala are implemented in rural areas only. Special Central